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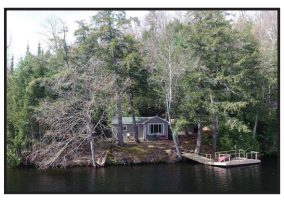

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Mellow days of August

JANET TRULL
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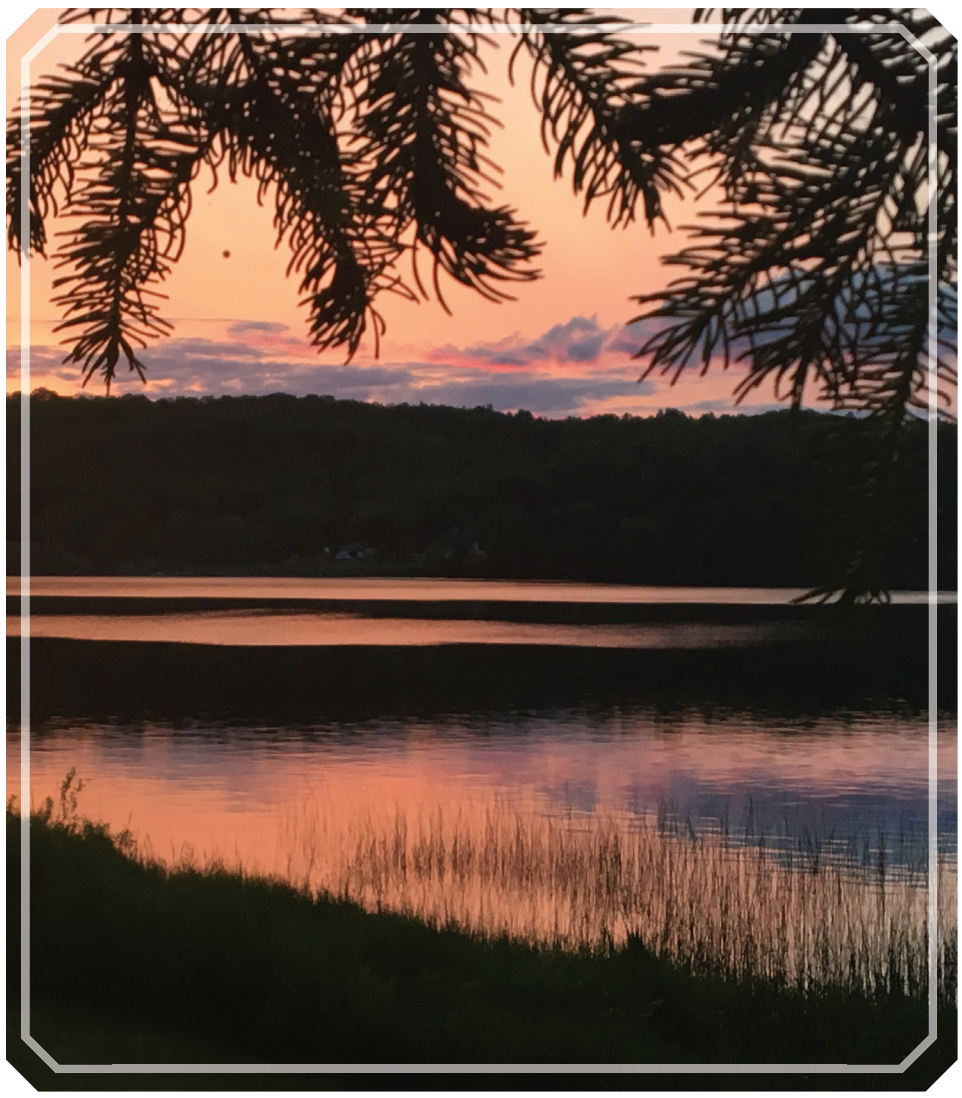
AUGUST IS MY month. The month when I was born. Not that I care about my birthday. I don't need a special day to celebrate. August feels like home, and that is enough. It is the month on the cottage calendar that does not try too hard. It doesn't arrive with high expectations, like May, with parties and fireworks and new lawn furniture. Or June, with planting and projects and power washing. Followed by July, screaming down the lake on a jet ski like a celebrity. August doesn't have to prove anything to anybody. It comes with an easy acceptance of goals unaccomplished.

August doesn't care about your failed plan to eat healthy and exercise daily and lose 10 pounds. You missed hazardous waste day at the dump and those old paint cans are still in the shed? Oh well. Cry about it to somebody else. August has bigger ideas to consider. Like mouthwatering tomatoes and corn on the cob. Meteor showers. Crickets communicating ancient wisdom from fields of goldenrod. Grandmothers selling quilt tickets at a table in front of the grocery store. Dogs lying in the shade under the front step. Children playing lawn games in the gentle gloaming.

I slip into August like an old flannel shirt. The cottage has a special kind of comfort, now. Beach towels are faded. Magazines and paperback novels are puffy and water stained. A blue bowl filled with peaches on the kitchen counter makes my heart explode with joy. And the lake is warm enough for midnight skinny dips. This is the time I feel nostalgic for our first cottage, the one where the bedrooms had no ceilings. Where children fell asleep lulled by the reassuring conversations of aunties and uncles who played bridge and drank tea and laughed softly about the good old days.

August remembers those lazy days of blueberry picking and pie baking. Fishing in the early morning mist with grandparents. Naps in the hammock. Haliburton County holds the door open for those who wish to travel back in time and try on a simpler version of the world. A wetland at mile five of the Rail Trail. A pioneer homestead and a blacksmith forge up the lane from the museum. A bridge over rushing water in Lochlin. And a campfire, where the ancestors listen to our voices from the evening shadows.

Cancel your plans. Put your projects aside. Enjoy these mellow days of August.



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***Foe* by Iain Reid**

In this spooky suspense filled novel, Junior and Henrietta live a comfortable life until a stranger from the city comes with news that Junior has to leave, and that arrangements have been made so that Henrietta won't have the chance to miss him.

***French Exit* by Patrick deWitt**

Socialite and widow, Frances Price flees for Paris with her adult son and ghost of her dead husband trapped in her aging cat to flee bankruptcy, and picks up an unlikely entourage who unwittingly become part of her secret endgame in this comedic farce that shows you can't take it with you.

***Hysteria* by Elisabeth de Mariaffi**

Heike Lerner's perfect looking life is peeled away to reveal something sinister lurking just under the surface in this novel of suspense that features a mysterious cabin, and a strange little girl who disappears.

***I'm Afraid of Men* by Vivek Shraya**

In this raw, compelling memoir, Shraya explores misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia, in her journey from camouflage to a riot of colour, giving us a blueprint for how we might cherish all that makes us different, and conquer all that makes us afraid.

***The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore* by Kim Fu**

This novel follows the coming of age and reckoning of trauma of a group of women who, in their youth, shared a fateful overnight kayak trip during which they found themselves stranded with no adults to help guide them home.

***The Moon of the Crusted Snow* by Waubgeshig Rice**

In this dystopian novel, the loss of utilities in a small Anishinaabe community goes from tediously routine to increasingly alarming as the community becomes aware of the wider emergency, and must contend with urban refugees fleeing from the south with sinister motives.

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In this nostalgic throwback to 1980s Niagara Falls (a.k.a. Cataract City), 12-year-old Jake is invited by his Uncle Calvin to join the Saturday Night Ghost Club, where they explore some of the city's more macabre urban myths, but soon realizes that his uncle's preoccupation with chilling legends springs from something buried so deep in his past that Calvin himself is unaware of it.

***Vi* by Kim Thúy**

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Top 10 things you should never forget when you go to the beach

GOING TO the beach is a summer tradition. But if you are like me you tend to forget things that would make the day better. With that in mind, here are 10 essential things I have learned that a person should never forget.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Your lower back tattoo.
2. One flip flop.
3. The logo on your Speedo goes on the front.
4. A grown man shouldn't have so many Little Mermaid accessories.
5. That other people have to eat.
6. Your clothing optional beach sign.
7. You are not 20 anymore.
8. That you need more sunscreen than you used to.
9. Nobody wants to share their umbrella.
10. Not everyone appreciates your talent for reggae.

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(to all who reflect
and compose on the
Haliburton-Toronto bus)

Seems like I'm not sole
In my climb towards whole
On my weekly ride south to
Big Smoke
I don't know your faces
But note that bus spaces
Inspire you, like me, to
invoke

Same conflicts and feelings
Re. big city dealings
To which we all hang by a thread
Though down there bus chugs
We North get better hugs
From the trees that put songs in each head

Send paper our feelings
Our fingertip dealings
In rhyme or organic blank verse
We rhapsodize forest
To leave it is sorest
A woodland of condos: what's worse??

As landscape transitions
We shift thought positions
Go up or go down it; depends
If north the bus travels
Our dis-ease unravels
And urban angst withers and ends

Marsh falcons and sandhills
Trick ravens, quaint
crossbills
Call this heart back home to
the wild
Spot fawns from the window
And fields where the fox go
I instantly find inner child

Grand firs against
moon-skies
Quilt meadows wet
these eyes
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Clot cheese-curdle clouds
Or those June foggy shrouds
Teasing hide-and-go-seek
on the streams

To Bus Poets loyal
With imagery royal
I recognize muse and salute
That bi-polar up-down
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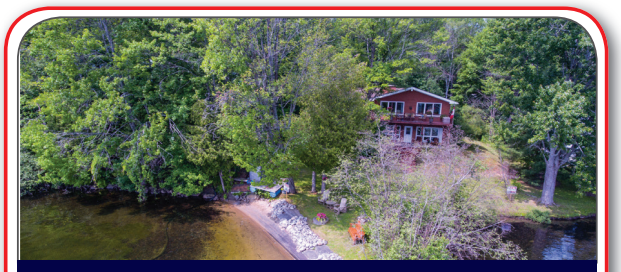

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The dreaded deer fly

CHRIS DROST
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Nothing ruins a day by the lake more than an attack by deer flies. Known scientifically as *Chrysops stpp*., these aggressive flies feed on the blood of humans and other animals. They have dark bands across their wings and coloured eyes similar to those of horse flies, which are much larger in size.

Deer flies abound in warm weather and rely on colour, movement or carbon dioxide to find hosts, including people and their pets. Fortunately, they prefer to stay in wet habitats such as near marshes, streams and lakes, and for the most part, avoid entering your home or cottage, unlike mosquitos which are happy to take up residence at this time of year.

It is the female deer fly that is the blood feeder. According to the Wikipedia description, "Once the deer fly lands on her host, she uses her scissor-like mandibles and maxillae to make a cross-shaped incision and then lap up the blood." Interestingly, the males prefer a diet of pollen and nectar from plants. The known natural predators of deer flies are frogs, toads, spiders, wasps, hornets, dragonflies and some species of birds.

Fortunately, the life span of a deer fly is only 30 to 60 days and they primarily invade our area between late June and mid-August and mercifully, are not around after dark. Suggested ways of reducing your chance of being bitten are to cover up, wear a hat as they seem to be attracted to your head (as opposed to horse flies that go for your legs) and consider using an insect repellant. Keep an eye on your pet as they too seem to be magnets for these pesky flies. There are actually sticky patches you can put on your hat to trap the pests, or as one internet-based post suggested, put a muddy fern on top of your hat. The flies will apparently circle the fern and leave you alone.

The good news is that unlike mosquitos, deer flies here in the Highlands really do seem to largely disappear once August rolls around.

Rock bass derby winners

On Saturday, July 6, Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association once again hosted their annual Rock Bass Fishing Derby. Thank you to everyone who took part in a great day of fishing! Congratulations to the winners in the 12 years and under division, Nate Wanamaker and Tyson Free, catching a total of 33.1 pounds and to Sydney and Dale Morton in the 13 and over category catching a total of 75.5 pounds of rock bass! /Submitted by Kelly Neely

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Making beautiful music

Student Brad Deare of Caledon, right, laughs with instructor Bethany Houghton during the musical instrument construction class on July 16 in Haliburton. Houghton assisted Philip Davis in teaching students to build their own instruments in the Haliburton School of Art + Design class held at the high school. Deare is a returning student, who brought back the violin he started in a past class. He's spent hours working on it. /DARREN LUM Staff

Hamilton's Chris Garner works on his viola during musical instrument construction class. Garner said he has been taking this week-long course since 2003 and has made five violins, a harp and a guitar, which he has loaned out to an area orchestra in Hamilton. His skills have enabled him to perform repairs for people close to him. Garner said other repeat students meet every Monday in Oakville to share ideas.

Chris Garner uses the purfling technique (adding narrow decorative edge) on his viola.

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Boat races revving up for Haliburton

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Haliburton's Powerboat Races are coming back for a fifth year Aug. 17 and 18 featuring boat racing, music, and food for the public to enjoy.

The races, featuring stock, hydroplanes, and runabout boats, will be showcased in a variety of different racing categories for each type of boat. Haliburton cottagers Wes Hammond, Brandon Sutton, and Andrea Hammond will compete once again for first, second, or third place, as new this year are gift card prizes donated by one of the 40 sponsors.

All proceeds from the event, which will feature a raffle for guests to win prizes, go towards the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary for the purchase of new equipment.

Hammond says there will be about 70 racers from the Toronto Outboard Racing Club coming to compete.

"This is one of their favourite races because it's in town and they can walk to all of the different retailers, and because we're really supported by our sponsors," said Hammond. "They really appreciate that."

Alan Gordon, owner of RPM, the main sponsor of the races, says this event is

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Racers skip along the waters of Head Lake during powerboat races hosted by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club in Haliburton Village during weekend last year. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Races attract new visitors to area

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crucial is bringing in new money for the local economy.

"It's really important that we leverage the infrastructure that we do have so that we can get money to come back so that people's standard of living is higher," said Gordon. "So one of the things we do is, we sponsor this race. This race, to me, is the epitome of cottage country."

Aside from the business and exposure it provides, Gordon says the race acts as a getaway to Haliburton for people in other parts of the country.

"We get huge exposure because we get people from all over the States and Canada come here," said Gordon. "The little boat racing is more crafty – it's not big business. The guys are in it because they love it."

The powerboat races have received recognition from the Canadian Boating Federation and the Toronto Outboard Racing Club for its success. The CBF awarded the Best Race of the Year award to the race in 2018, and the TORC awarded the Jack Abel Memorial Award in the same year for an organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the CBF.

"It's a team trophy as far as I am concerned," said Hammond. "Without the racers coming, there would be nothing. Without the town support of all the sponsors, there also would be nothing. The trophies represent how much we all love the sport and this venue."

The free event will be taking place from Aug. 17 to 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Head Lake Park. On Friday, Aug. 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., a meet and greet will be set up in the pit area for people to chat with the racers and learn more about modified boat racing. Free programs are available at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary booth.

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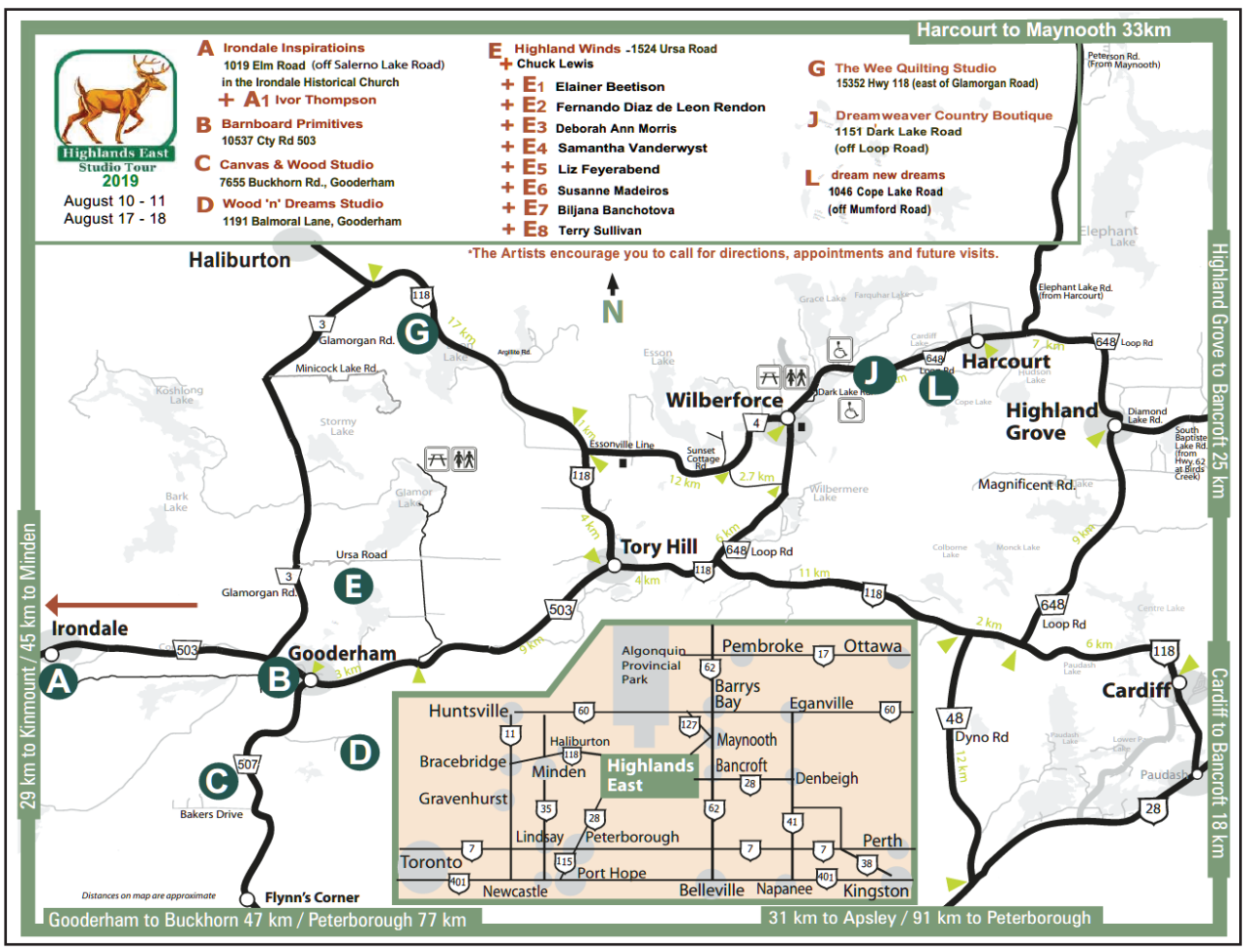

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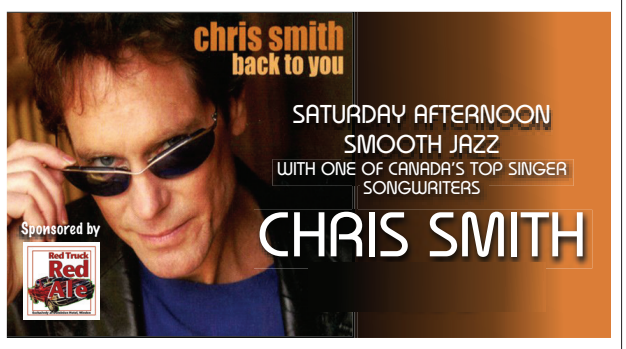

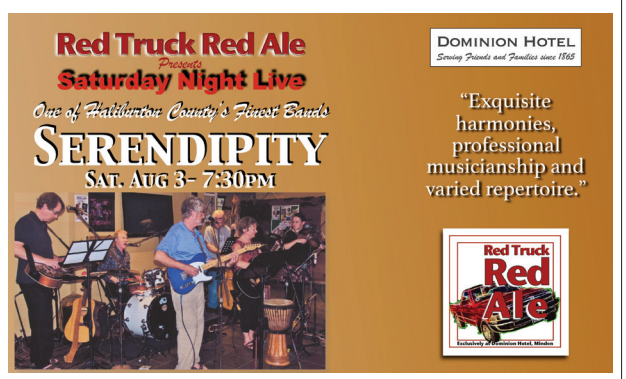

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Time travelling in Haliburton County

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

A swath of patchy grass enclosed by heritage farm buildings and a dry stone fence was transformed last weekend through the power of performance into interrogation rooms, a cottage dock, a turn-of-the-century farmhouse, and heaven's pearly gates.

Scenes from our Past, Present and Future, a Rural Rogues production in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Museum, included the work of four local playwrights, who each contributed a script, and local actors and production crew who brought the works to life during two performances July 20 and 21. The playwrights were involved with the Rural Rogues playwriting workshops over the winter.

"Rural Rogues … focuses on the history, culture and environment of Haliburton County and our mandate is to produce original works about those subjects," said director Michael Clipperton.

Three Sisters' Garden by Fay Martin, a play based in Stanhope in 1861, was first up. Martin's work imagines how Hannah Morey's life would have unfolded as the first Indigenous woman to be recorded in the census as living in Haliburton County. Hannah's life is closely intertwined with neighbours Belinda and Rowena, both settlers, who have struggles of their own – from fleeing Ireland's Potato Famine to coping with a husband's mental health issues with the backdrop of rugged wilderness.

Kate Butler's play, A *Woman has to Look after Herself*, was a dramatization of the events that led Eva Coo to murder her employee, Harry Wright in 1934. Although the murder took place in New York State, Coo was from Haliburton. She was convicted of murder and was executed in 1935 by electric chair.

The Pearly Gates, a play by Oliver Zielke, took a turn from the historic into the realm of the philosophical as Haliburtonians Sam and Rebecca find themselves dead following an accidental explosion and facing a different kind of guardian of heaven's gate: Google Assistant.

The performances were wrapped up with a play by Sue Vorvis, *This is our Home*, which follows a couple as they work through their vision of the ideal cottage based on the sometimes harried and frantic escapades they've experienced.

The four plays were performed by actors Rita Jackson, Victoria Bingham, Kate Butler, John Jackson, Lauren Forbes, Amy Brohm, and Paul Vorvis. Other members of the production team included Christine Darlington, Sue Vorvis, Marla Force, Fay Martin, Jenny Reiger and Adele Espina. Kate Butler was assistant director.

At the end of the performance, audience members were asked to vote for their favourite. *This Is Our Home* by Sue Vorvis received the most votes and will be performed at the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One-Act Play Festival.

Anyone interested in trying playwriting can sign up for the introductory workshop, which runs weekly for eight weeks beginning Sept. 11. Contact Kate Butler at the Haliburton Highlands Museum for details: kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com.

Haliburton County's early residents Belinda (played by Rita Jackson), left, Rowena (played by Kate Butler), and Hannah (played by Victoria Bingham), perform Fay Martin's play, *Three Sisters' Garden* at the Rural Rogues production in Haliburton on July 20. It was one of four plays written, performed and directed by local people. /JENN WATT Staff

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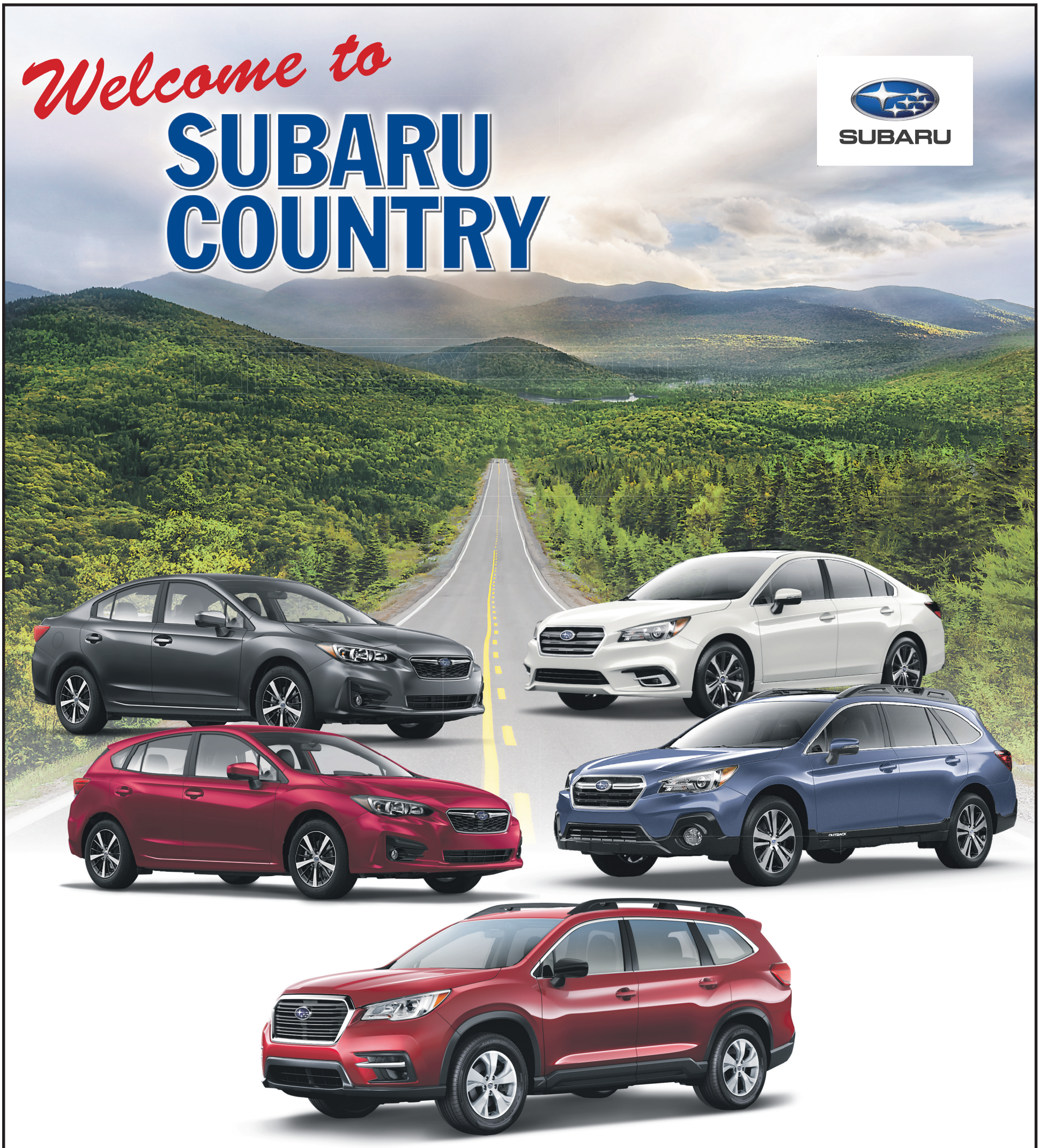

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August 8 – Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers – Classic Vehicle Cruise Night
Kawartha Dairy – 6:00 PM

August 14-18 – Canadian National Whitewater Championships, Minden Whitewater Preserve

August 16 – Paddling Film Festival – World Tour – Minden Hills Cultural Centre
7:00 PM

August 21 – Minden Hills Sidewalk Sale 11 AM

August 22 – Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers – Classic Vehicle Cruise Night
Kawartha Dairy – 6:00 PM

August 22 – Outdoor Movie at the Museum
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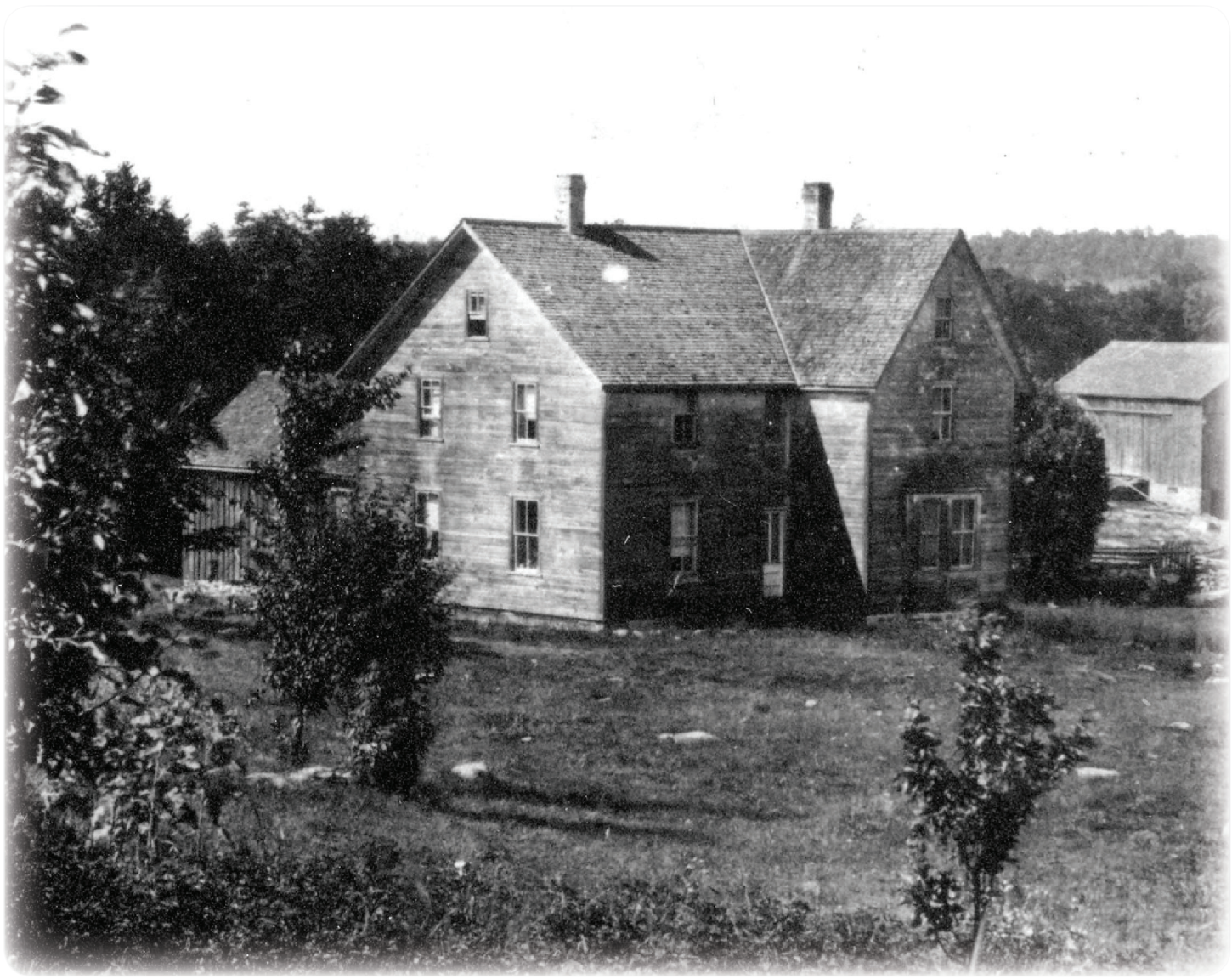

The Moon family's farmhouse: Thomas Moon was considered to be a successful farmer in the area and he was on the board of the Dysart Agricultural Society. This house was built around 1890, not long before he became Reeve of Dysart. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

IF YOU'RE reading this on a Tuesday in Haliburton, you'll no doubt be able to see all around the village evidence of residents and visitors loving local food. Our local farmers' markets have become a phenomenon – one which can link us to our history. For early European settlers, it must have been so gratifying to see months of hard work paying off in the form of food that could provide not only meals for the summer, but also security for the winter ahead.

This summer, we are presenting a program at the Haliburton Highlands Museum called Living History Tuesdays. Some weeks we focus on industry, some weeks on craft and some weeks on delicious historic food. Certain foods which we consider to be iconic summer treats, fresh berries for instance, would have been familiar to 19th century residents of the area, but others would have been considered much more exotic. Today, we pretty much take lemonade for granted, but imagine it in a world where both the sugar and the lemons had to travel thousands of kilometres, in an era before airplanes, automobiles and trucks.

Ontario's cottage country is known for its ice cream, but even it wasn't that easily made during a Victorian summer. In a time before modern refrigeration and freezers, where was that ice to chill it going to come from? Certainly residents would have had ice houses and the ice which they "harvested" off the lakes in the winter was preserved as carefully as possible with the help of sawdust, but likely little would be left by summer. For that reason, ice cream was favoured as a holiday treat in December, and usually flavoured with jam rather than fresh fruit.

So, if lemonade and ice cream fell into the realm of the exotic during a Victorian summer, what else was part of the list of everyday pleasures? How about fresh butter? Many people in Haliburton had at least one cow and the local dairies were known to purchase milk to help with their production. Dairy products were known to be at their best during the summer months, though they could be obtained year round.

The secret to the extremely delicious summer dairy products lay in the diet of the cows who at that time were grazing on green fields filled with chlorophyll, which benefited both the flavour and colour of the products produced. While milk, and by extension other dairy products, could be obtained year round, the quality could be so lacklustre that attempts might be made to preserve butter in a cold cellar until the winter, sometimes wrapped in a cabbage leaf. Nothing would compare with the flavour of summer butter on fresh bread though.

Want to find out more about the science and art of cooking in the Victorian era? Stop by to visit with us on a Tuesday afternoon and watch history come to life! In the meantime, take the time to support all the local food producers in Haliburton whose hard work and talent pays tribute to those early farmers of the county, who worked to carve agricultural land out of this landscape. And while you're at it, make sure to have some ice cream – it is summer after all!

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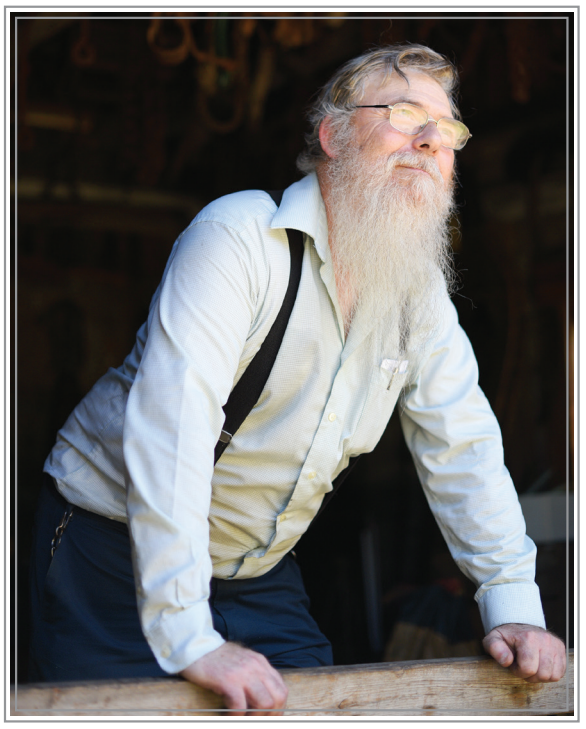

Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill, who has a wealth of historical knowledge, takes a break from working with metal on the forge.

Living history at the museum

Ten-year-old Owen Davies and younger brother Lochlin, 8, watch Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill working with metal on the forge during the Living History Tuesdays at the 1870s farmstead, located at Glebe Park steps away from the museum in Haliburton. Living History is from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and provides the public insight into what life was like in the Highlands 100 years ago. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Staff Pick

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Nancy says: I enjoyed learning about the ravens' personalities and antics, and about the long road to becoming an expert Ravenmaster. *The Ravenmaster* is a great choice for people who are interested in British history and the Tower of London, or for anyone fascinated by bird behaviour.

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The Ravenmaster by Christopher Skaife is available to reserve at HCPL.

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Potter talks failure

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Tony Clennell's art talk at School of Art + Design was billed as being about failure and the influence it has on personal growth. But through his telling of the ups and downs in both his home and work life, the potter and instructor made it clear that he doesn't see failure in the traditional sense.

Rather, the twists and turns are simply that: changes in the way life unfolds.

"I haven't had a job now for 40 years and it feels very good," Clennell said, opening his talk in the college's great hall on Thursday. "For a guy that was a good solid C student in public school and high school, I was told I would never amount to anything and I did it just to spite them all."

Clennell *has* had several jobs, though perhaps not the ones his parents expected of him. And while he has degrees from Ryerson, the University of Western Ontario, and Utah State University, he gravitated to the life of a potter.

"I was the only one of my three brothers that went to university. They expected that I would maybe work in business and be a successful businessperson. I went to business school. You can imagine how upset [my mother] was with me when I decided that I didn't want to work in business. I wanted to be an artist; I wanted to be a potter," he said.

Clennell has moved several times, setting up studios along the way, from Wiarton to Niagara and settling in Aylmer after his second marriage ended, where he rejoined his aunt and uncle's pottery studio Pinecroft.

Sometimes locations haven't been ideal, so he adjusted. He took up teaching posts over the years, and went back to school for a master of fine arts at age 55.

"I thought I was going to teach in academia, but I was too old," he said.

"I thought I was a vintage bottle of wine. They thought I was an old bottle of vinegar."

Though not teaching in academic courses, Clennell continued as an instructor and has travelled the world visiting China, Italy, Wales, the U.S. and Haliburton.

Though he had to adapt to change along the way, he said life as a working potter has been fruitful.

"I've had a career that I'm excited about getting up for every morning and I'm just blessed to hang out with fellow artists," he said.

He ended his talk with a book signing for *Stuck in the Mud*, described as: a "book of irreverent tales, BS and nonsense."

Art Talks are free lectures each Wednesday at Haliburton School of Art + Design. This week's talk is a moderated panel discussion on July 31 with a diverse group of creators: Susan Watson-Ellis, Mary Intven Wallace, Kielyn Marrone and Nicholas Russell. The talk starts at 4:45 and goes until 6 p.m.

Potter Tony Clennell, right, speaks with student Terri Cherney following his talk on Thursday, July 25 at Haliburton School of Art + Design. Clennell's talk covered the evolution of his pottery practice and how failure in many cases is really a misnomer. /JENN WATT Staff

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The fullness of August

FEBRUARY MAY be the month of romance and kindling love, while to me, August is the month of the fullness of love.

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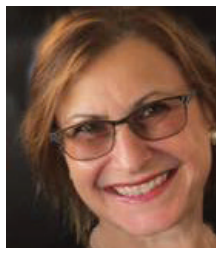

MARCI MANDEL
Way of Wonder

Perhaps instead of the non-descript Civic Holiday, the first Monday in August could be renamed: Abundant Love Day.

Summer events like art festivals, pride parades, and Highland Yard races are all about coming together and celebrating the joy of being alive and the joy of all kinds of surrounding beauty. Farmers' markets and shops also bring us to town and invite us to indulge in fanciful and enticing products. Galleries and museums have guest lectures and creative displays to unite us in a deeper way of connecting with the world around us.

This is a heavenly time.

Feeling a little low from stress or grief? Have a walk in nature or sit on the ground by a tree and invite the power-full energies in to rebalance you. Or just look at a tree and imagine your spine aligning with its trunk. Wow, right now the healing energy is incredibly palpable.

This is a mature love, a love with no bounds, no conditions. It's just there: free for all.

Wanting for nothing and having it all: this is the field where love is endlessly harvested. Vitality is radiated everywhere and all one has to do is be still and say yes. This is our purpose: to say yes to the love that is in and around us, to focus on what we already have, to appreciate our abundance.

We are all so abundant when we stop and take notice.

Even when those laughing children start crying, or the mouth-watering product at the farmer's market is sold out, or the hiking trail is annoyingly overrun with horseflies, remedies can easily be found with a soft smile, and a knowing that these too are gifts.

When we live from our radiance, from the way of wonder, we quickly remember that what we long for isn't to be surrounded only by happy people or bigger and better things, but what we long for is to be connected to this fullness, this fullness of the heart.

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Bringing this kind of love into the world is transformative and soon enough, contagious. One charismatic person can change a room, as anyone who has attended a Highlands Opera Studio performance can attest. We happily pay top dollar for a concert or show featuring this calibre of artists. Something adjusts within, like we are being rekindled by their light – their starlight.

"Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year – it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul," says a quote from an anonymous person.

The fullness of love is the realm of the soul. Complimentary to that is the realm of the ego. Its tendency is towards emptiness and the feeling of neediness and want. I can always tell which way I'm leaning by the thoughts on my mind. "I want to be thinner, I want a new hat, I want him/her/it to be different." These all suggest that my ego is prevailing and it's time to breathe a little fuller and open my heart to all that is goodness.

War seems to me to be a result of wanting: wanting land, resources or even peace. Fighters will find something to rally behind to make meaning of their cause. But as all great literature, music and art remind us, all we need is love: radiant love.

Appreciation is a seed of love, community is a seed of love, service is a seed of love, and when they are planted and then nurtured every day, want and need shrivel and aliveness magnifies.

Abundant Love Day: yes, every day should have this name. Well, maybe we could start with one: let's call it today.

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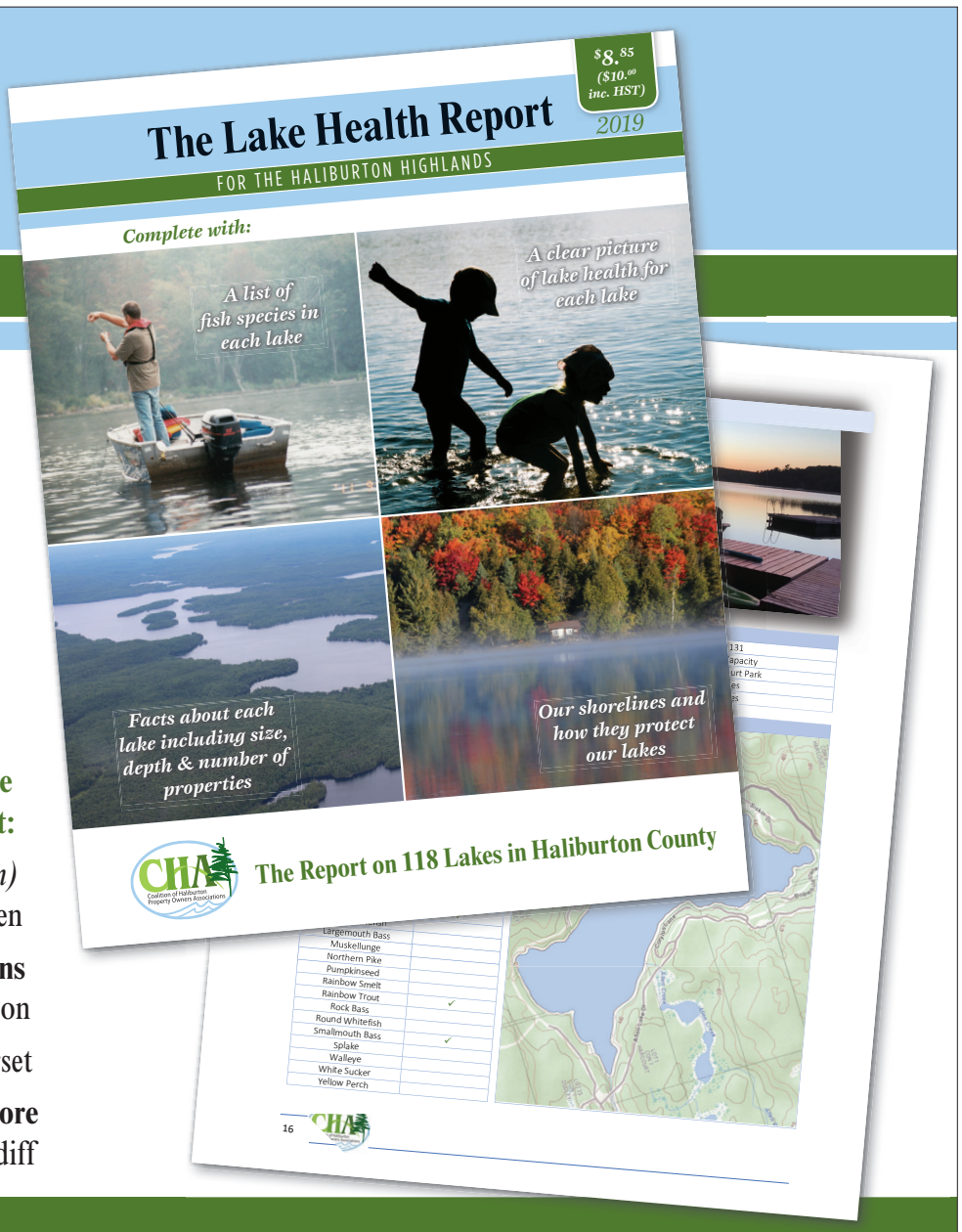
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Kids and culture

Children Jane and Michael Banks react angrily against their mother as their father sends them to their nursery. The musical was a huge hit for Highlands Summer Festival, kicking off their 2019 season. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

INSTEAD OF birthday gifts for our grandchildren we purchase tickets for an event and take them on an outing at some point in the year. It is not usually close to their birthday and is sometimes one event for any of them over the age of three. This year the event was Mary Poppins, part of the Highlands Summer Festival.

We took the three boys, aged seven, five and four. When we arrived to pick up Oliver, the youngest, he was not too sure he wanted to come with Grandma and Grandpa. He was worried about what a play would be like. As soon as he heard that his best buddy, Luke, was in the car waiting for him he dashed toward the door, threw on his shoes and was out to the car in a flash.

We started the event with lunch at Baked and Battered, including a sugary treat for dessert as a birthday cake replacement. I was not sure it was wise to fill them with sugar before sitting through a long play but it was their birthday celebration and a little sugar seemed to be demanded. We managed to get through lunch with no major spills and their clothes were still fit to be seen in public.

As long-standing season's pass holders for the theatre we purchased tickets early and acquired seats in the first and second rows. Their great-grandmother always attends the theatre with us and stairs are hard for her so she and our oldest grandson sat in the first row while the rest of us sat directly behind them.

"When is it going to start?" This was a frequent refrain in the 10 minutes we were in our seats before the production began. As the theatre darkened, the room went silent and you could feel the anticipation. There were lots of other grandparents with grandchildren in the matinee that day.

As the first actor took to the stage I turned to watch the faces of the two boys beside me. They were staring in rapt silence to see and understand what was happening. Luke moved to sit on the edge of his seat as the sounds of music filled the theatre.

They had been coached before to save their questions for the interval or the end. They abided by that with one or two small exceptions on the part of Oliver. He could not stop himself from whispering, "Why is there smoke" and, "That was mean" when Mary Poppins drove the bad nanny away in a puff of smoke.

At the end of the more than 2.5 hour production I asked them what they thought. Oliver emphatically declared, "I loved it!" He could not identify anything in particular that he loved but Luke declared that it was the part where the toys came to life to teach the children a lesson. Blake, the seven-year-old, was fascinated with the set changes and wanted to know more about what backstage was like and how things worked. I on the other hand liked the moral of the story, "anything can happen, if you let it."

Highlands Summer Festival may be a small town theatre but there is certainly nothing small about the quality of the productions they put on. We are fortunate to have such a vibrant, cultural community to share with our youth.

by Marie Gage, member of the Algonquin Highlands writers circle https://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com/

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LAURIE JONES

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre

Audience members join in with performers, frolicking at Drumfest. /Photo courtesy of the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre has hosted a weekly community drum circle since 2006. The circles are accessible and open to all; instruments are supplied and volunteer facilitators lead each experience. On a given evening you might find a total beginner and a professional band drummer playing side by side in the circle, which welcomes all.

A few years ago the vision of Haliburton as the "Drum Capital of Cottage Country" began to materialize for a few of the regular drummers. Today gallery programming embraces a year round cycle of events, workshops and outreach activities driven by a volunteer committee named Haliburton Drums. According to Della Redwood, chair, its goal is to create powerful shared experiences which inspire people to experience the awesomeness of rhythm.

Haliburton DrumFest is by far the biggest project the committee has come up with. This year the family-friendly DrumFest takes place Saturday, Aug. 31 in Head Lake Park. Admission is by donation in support of DrumFest 2019. The event, and the preparation that goes into it, is an outpouring of positive energy by Bazza Hayward, Joe Truss, Eric Lilius, Randy Pielsticker, Barb Murphy, Della and Laurie Jones supported by a team of volunteers.

Community drum circles are the heart of Haliburton DrumFest. Guest performers and facilitators enhanced by world music performances with percussion and dance elements, local food, art and craft vendors and hands-on learning opportunities. This year DrumFest welcomes Baque de Bamba under the direction of Juno-nominated singer/songwriter/percussionist Aline Morales. They will participate, alongside festival goers, in a costumed parade at noon and then give an afternoon performance in the park of traditional Afro Brazilian Maracatu rhythms and song.

Community drum circles are popular throughout North America. They have been called "the new yoga." Broadly speaking, these shared experiences called drum circles promote understanding, wellness, peace and awareness of our shared humanity.

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Maybelle's

Fireside stories

NOW, I'M not sure why it is … maybe it's because I'm getting older than old. That mortality is weighing in around me. That every second on this precious earth (in Lake WhaddayathinkImean) feels dearer than dear. Because these days, unlike my younger self, ol' Maybelle has zero patience for things that make my head explode. And, ol' Maybelle's exploding head is so unattractive.

Why, when I was younger I had the patience of a saint. In fact, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yuccch, and Twindle Mumbly used to tease me about my halo being so big, they were amazed that I was able to get through a doorway. Now, I have the patience of a gnat. And that gnat rears its tiny head every time my neighbour, Clara, calls me up and tells me EVERYthing she has planned for the entire week in great detail.

"On Monday," she'll say, "I'm going to play pickleball. I love pickleball. Ping pong used to be my game, but now it's pickleball. Then I'm meeting Blanche McLungarten for lunch at Turkey Ted's. You know Blanche, she's the gal whose horse got electrocuted when rain hit that special collar thingy it was wearing…I think I'll make lasagna for supper, you know that recipe that Jane Erling's mother's second husband's sister gave her? You know, she's the vegan pig farmer. Then on Tuesday I'll be at the Lake W Community Centre from 10 to 1:30 … then I bowl at 7:30, it used to be 7 but we all need the extra time getting there with the snow and ice on the roads. We now have seven on our team, an odd number but we didn't want to say no to Erlinor Wilmingson who was desperate to join us now that her bird, Eduardo, died. They were very close."

My eyes are rolling and my chest feels like a tanker's sitting on it. Clara continues…"Then on Wednesday …" I am desperate to shout: STOP! STOP! You're breaking my mortality meter! If my very last second on earth were now, I'd be a very unhappy camper. I mean, what will I do with all of this information? My poor wee brain is already overloaded with years of polyunsaturated facts.

Finally, she stops when she reaches Sunday night.

We get off the phone and I start searching for the missing pieces of my head, when … I hear that singsong chime coming from my computer telling me that somebody's trying to reach me via Skype. Ah, it can only be Charlie, my cousin in Manitoba. He's the only person I do Facetime with, and I'm so fond of Charlie. He always makes me smile. So, I shift from grrrrrrrrrr to yipperzzzz and race to my computer.

There he is, his big ruddy face and sparkly eyes surrounded by a full head of curly white hair.

"Charlie, what a treat!" I say. Charlie says the same, but then, unlike every time we've ever spoken, he starts telling me about everything he has planned for every day of the week and in great detail.

Noooooooooooo, not Charlie, too! Ol' Maybelle's thinking: Aliens abducted poor Clara and Charlie and implanted a chip in their brains that gives them the power to make people's heads explode. I have to save him. But, how? I know, I'll show Charlie how it feels to be on the other side of his diatribe.

Charlie! I say. Let me tell you about MY day. I take a deep breath and wing it: I woke up this morning. Yep. There they were, both my eyes, wide open. Then, I blinked my right eye AND my left eye, not one at a time… both at the same time, like this. (I blinked my eyes at the computer screen). Yep, I say: I was lying on my back, saw the ceiling fan straight above my head, and oh boy did it ever need a cleaning… after lunch, I think… after I have the leftover soup from last night's dinner with the Camberfords who were here when I put pepper in it with that beautiful hand carved peppermill I found at Bill Landerer's annual yard sale for 50 cents…he wanted three times that and it took me a good half an hour to talk him down … boy was he emotionally attached to that thing.

Charlie, I say. Are you still with me? He nods. Good, I say, and continue: Then I moved to the edge of the bed, sat straight up, yep…then I looked down and saw my slippers waiting for me and then…yep, then I lowered my right foot down into my right slipper and then I lowered my left foot down into my left slipper. THEN, I stood up! Yes I did. Then I walked allllllll the way around my bed out of the bedroom into the kitchen. I opened the cupboard door and grabbed a roll of toilet paper …

Charlie's eyes are bulging. "STOP! STOP!" he yells. And I'm thinking: Great, I made my point and he got it. And Charlie says excitedly: "Maybelle, which toilet paper did you use? Cashmere or Charmin?"

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," is available at amazon.com

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Early stages

The Early Stages 2019 – An Apprenticeship Theatre Program participants react to Carmen Horner-Xerri, striking a pose during an improvisation exercise before their final season-ending theatrical presentation on Thursday, July 25 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum in Haliburton. The participants spent four days a week over the last month learning from Highlands Summer Festival artistic producer Scot Denton and instructors Beth Robertson and Carlos Blanchini, who both starred in Mary Poppins. The program was open to youth aged 10 to 14 and included classes on voice and text, improvisation, acting and movement. /DARREN LUM Staff

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For a complete schedule and more details visit ***WilberforceFair.com*** and find us on facebook.

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August 18, 2019, 2:00 pm
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August 24, 2019
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Where: Canoe FM Radio Hall
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For more information call Bob at 705 457 8617

Gord Kidd & Friends at Midnight Madness in Haliburton
When: Friday, Aug. 2, 7 to 10 p.m.
Where: Shoppers Drug Mart parking lot in Haliburton

Gooderham's 2nd Annual Music Festival
When: August 3, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Robert McCausland Community Centre
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Canning Lake Association, Family Fun Day
When: Saturday, Aug. 3, 11 a.m. to 1p.m.
Where: Ingoldsby Park

Kushog Lake Annual Picnic
When: Saturday, August 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Pine Spring Valley Resort, Hwy 35 at Pine Springs (approximately 3.5k north of Ox Narrows)
Decorated boat contest sail past at 11:00 followed by water races and lots of land events including the infamous East vs West tug-o-war, face painting, back bacon on a bun and refreshments. Everyone on Kushog Lake is welcome!
Contact Susan Harvey 705-489-2657

Canning Lake Association, Sailing Regatta
When: Sunday, Aug. 4 - 10:30 am

Moore Lake Property Association Annual Golf Tourney
When: Sunday, Aug. 4 - 7:30 a.m.
Where: Beaverbrook Golf Course - Minden

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When: Sunday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m.
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"Rock Our World," Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Fundraising Dance
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St, Haliburton
When: Friday, Aug. 9
Time: doors open 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Admission: early bird $30, after July 9 $35
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Summer Speaker: Dr. Dan Longboat
When: Saturday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St, Minden
What: Summer Speaker Event, Dr. Dan Longboat: "A Way of Life: Indigenous Knowledge to Sustain the World"
Cost: $15 at the door or online at www.environmenthaliburton.ca
For more info: 705-854-3355

Canning Lake Association: Ice Cream Float Day
When: Saturday, Aug. 10,12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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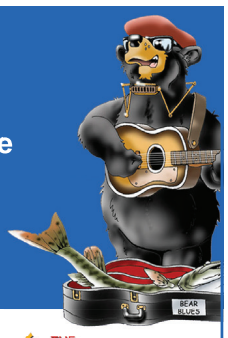

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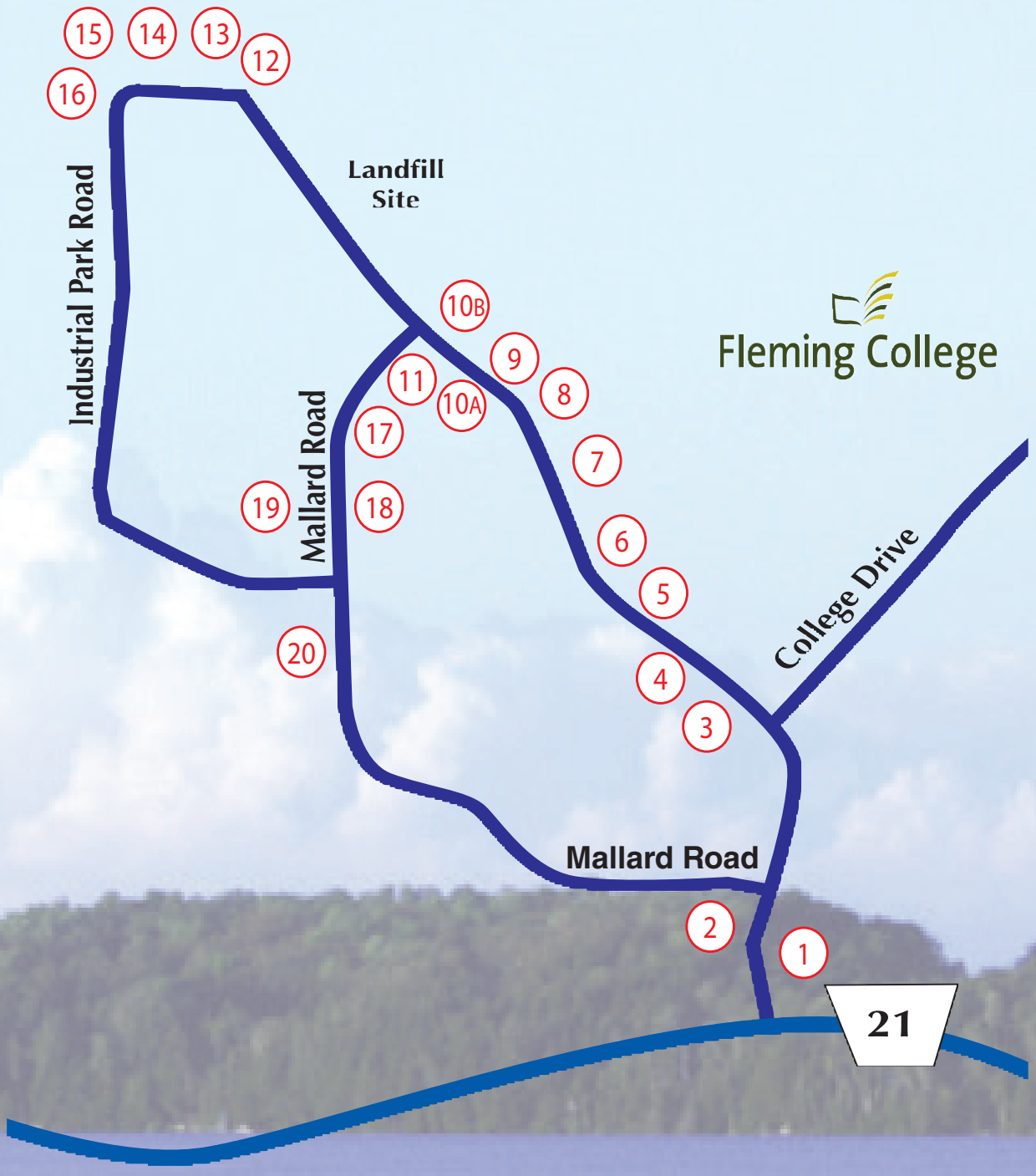

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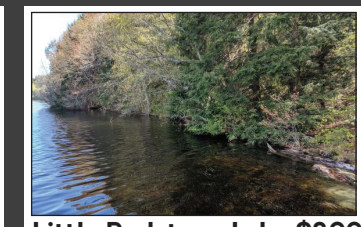

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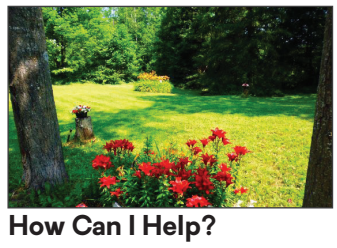

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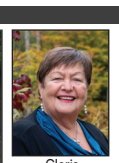

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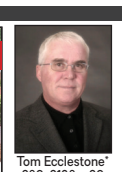

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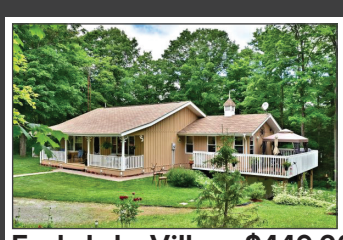

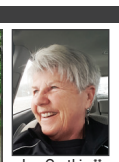

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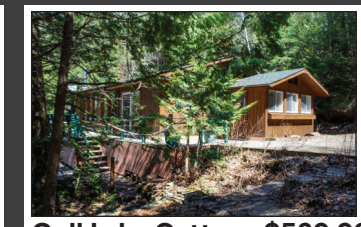

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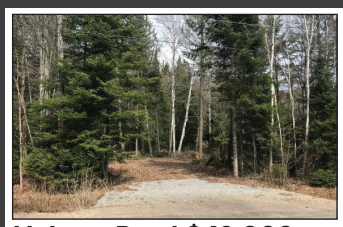

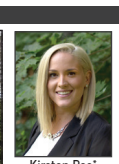

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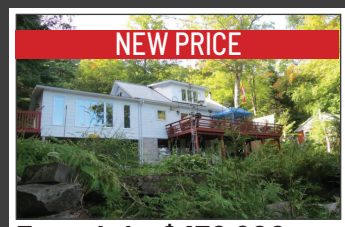

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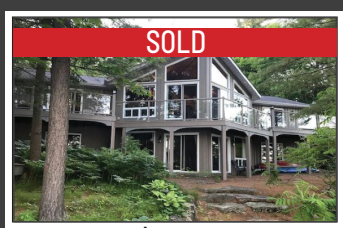
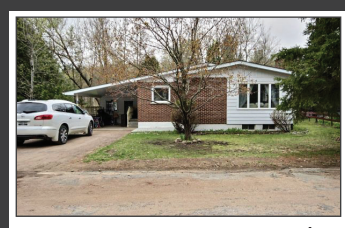


Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Gull Lake $1,700,000

- Spectacular custom-built 4,252 sq ft home
- 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, full walkout basement
- 190' rock-shelf frontage, 1.25 acres of privacy



Lindsay
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Haliburton Village Home $299,000

- 2+1 Bdrm home in town
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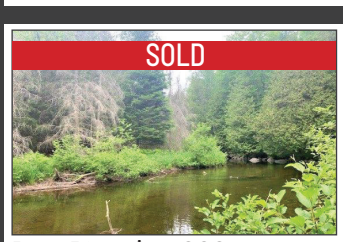
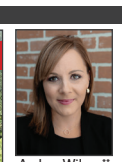
- Minutes from downtow





Andrea Wilson**
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Drag River $55,000

- Well treed building lot on a quiet street
- 0.75 acres with 155 feet of riverfront

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the fish slipping beneath the dock,
my feet gripping rock,
seeking shelter in the puddle of shade,
beneath branches that crave the coolness of Lake,
the flutter of their leaves wilting to stillness,
that pools in the Air,
thick with the buzzing of black flies,
swarming around my head,
that I shoo away with the shadows of my hands,
flapping like the wings of the butterfly,
that lands on a lily-pad,
floating by itself like a tiny island of reprieve,
from the heat.
I watch the wings of the butterfly breathe,
slowing to stillness as the lily-pad sways beneath it,
breeze rumpling water that laps against the rocks,
branches bending to drink.
I gaze out across the Lake at the humps of hills,
washed in sunlight and shadow,
my eyes never growing tired of bathing in the
changing shades of their beauty,
the permanence of their presence,
as they flank the Lake,
whether stripped bare, or their fur,
shimmering green,
awakening from deep sleep, spilling into the Lake,
its surface still as Air, sweltering in its nest of haze.
I blink back down at the lily-pad, floating alone,
far from its cluster, the butterfly gone,
replenished from its rest,
fluttering somewhere through the gauze
of Air again.
A hiccup in the water, then another,
a froth of silver bubbles, as a fish surfaces,
then sinks back under.
I crouch down on the rocks, my fingers
skimming moss,
swirling the green of the water, its
coolness luring me,
as I watch reeds and lily-pads sway to the
rhythm of breeze,
slinking down to their roots,
where fish swish through the thickness of forest,
wondering whether they will feel the splash,
as the tree of my shadow, wobbles above them,
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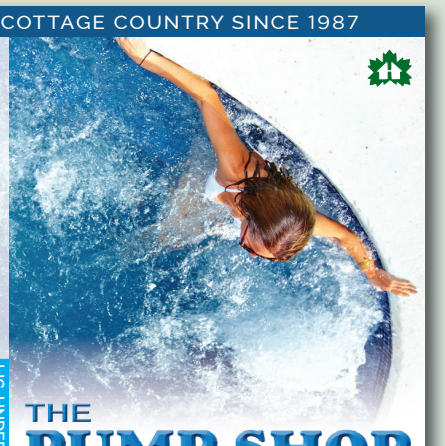

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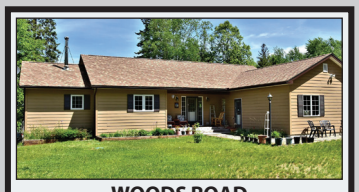

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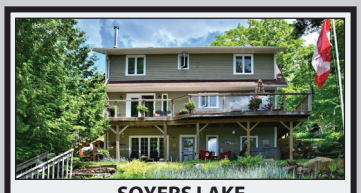

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A million dollar view! Nice and bright custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home across the road from Twelve Mile Lake. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes.
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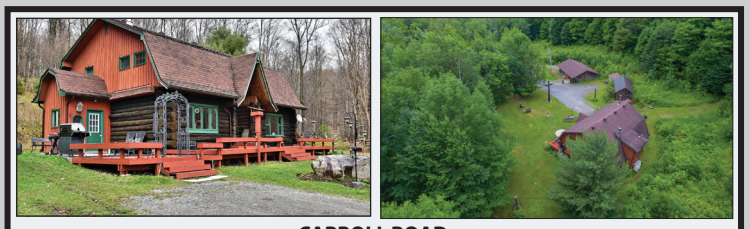
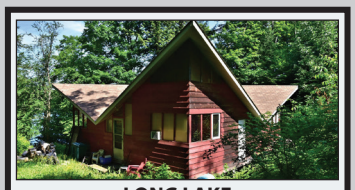
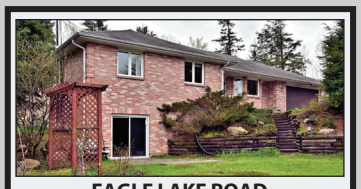


CARROLL ROAD
Every nature lovers dream! 3 BR, 2 bath rustic log home. .92 acres. Open concept, sunken living room. Large 3 bay garage, wood shed and garden shed.
$559,500



LONG LAKE
3 BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage. 700ft of frontage. 52 acres of land. Clean, sand/rock shoreline. Awaits your finishing touch.
$599,000



EAGLE LAKE ROAD
Enjoy privacy and nature! 3BR, 3 bath brick home. Minutes from West Guilford. Large master BR w/ 4pc ensuite. 5 acres. Double attached garage. Small private pond.
$449,000

HALIBURTON LAKE
Looking for the perfect family cottage to use year-round? Look no further. Bright open concept 3BR, 1 bath. Level lot. Large grassed area. Many upgrades.
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BURNT RIVER
Attention all Artists and Nature Lovers! 3 BR, 2 bath home. 3.49 acres w/ 600 ft of frontage. Large artist studio. Architecturally designed. Full finished lower. Over sized single car garage with storage loft.
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SALERNO LAKE
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DRAG LAKE
3 BR, 2 bath home/cottage. Massive Haliburton room, Eat-in kitchen, Stone fireplace, Master private screened in porch. 240 sqft dry boathouse. Over-sized single detached.
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Soyers Lake
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$1,399,000

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"I'll have to watch that I don't get clobbered by a truck," says Twelve Mile Lake Road resident Jim Malcolmson. Most residents are at ease with temporary asphalt plant – as long as it is temporary.

Darren Lum/TIMES

Ready, aim...

Stanhope firefighter Alain Lafleur takes aim at the target blocks during the obstacle course at the annual firefighter games in Stanhope last Sunday. For details see page 3.

Get ready for road delays

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Motorists can expect major disruptions on Highways 35 and 118 in the coming months.

Beginning this week, vehicles travelling on Highway 35 between Carnarvon and Minden will see the tell-tale orange and black construction signs scattered on the sides of the road. The work on the 12.3 kilometre stretch of road, which began on Monday, will continue throughout the fall and into next summer, with the completion date set for September 2005.

Greg Godin, the regional technical engineer for the Ministry of Transportation, says the work will be done with daily lane closures. Traffic will be controlled with flagging operations and reduced speed limits.

A three-kilometre stretch of Highway 118 will also be repaired, but a paved detour will minimize disruption to drivers for the duration of the project.

Beginning in mid-October, workers will begin to blast rock along Highway 35, causing some delays on the road. Godin says that minor rock removal will occur all along the road, but the major blasting will be on the rocks just south of 118 by Maebar Road (formerly Tall Pines Road). Blasting is expect-

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